

JAM DANCE TEAMS

MARCH 2013 NEWSLETTER

Well, the season is over just as quickly as it began. We hope you are enjoying the little glimpses of spring we've had so far and enjoying time with your families!

We celebrated the season with the annual Spring Membership Meeting in early March. Thanks to all of those who attended the meeting! We voted on new Core Group members and thanked those whose terms are complete.

The outgoing and incoming Core Group members will be transitioning in early April and we're sure to get rolling on planning for training and making improvements to our organization over the next several months. You can still expect to receive monthly newsletters and we hope to make the transition as seamlessly as possible.

Happy Spring!
JAM Core Group



JAM MISSION STATEMENT:

JAM was formed for the purpose of promoting, training and increasing the number of quality dance team officials throughout the state of Minnesota. JAM subscribes to a four-fold mission: 1) To provide information and facilitate discussions between judges, coaches, activities directors and MSHSL. 2) To encourage standards of sportsmanships at meets and competitions. 3) To offer a mentoring program to new and/or inexperienced judges. 4) To maintain and support its quality judges and strive to increase our credibility as trained, knowledgeable professionals.

2013 State Dance Team Recap

Congratulations to the 2013 State qualifiers, finalists and champions!

Jazz

Class A

1. Yellow Medicine East
2. Aitkin
3. Zumbrota-Mazeppa
4. Duluth Marshall
5. Frazee
6. Renville County West
7. Tracy-Milroy-Balaton
8. Cannon Falls
9. Crosby-Ironton
10. Pelican Rapids
11. St. Charles
12. Mayer Lutheran

Kick

Class A

1. Cannon Falls
2. Aitkin
3. YME
4. Lake City
5. LQPVDB
6. BOLD
7. Duluth Marshall
8. Pelican Rapids
9. Zumbrota-Mazeppa
10. Frazee
11. Bagley
12. Dover-Eyota

Jazz

Class AA

1. Chaska
2. Benilde-St. Margaret's
3. Totino-Grace
4. Sartell-St. Stephen's
5. Simley
6. St. Cloud Cathedral
7. Mound Westonka
8. Marshall
9. Rocori
10. Holy Family
11. Fridley
12. Chisago Lakes

Kick

Class AA

1. Chaska
2. Sartell
3. Totino-Grace
4. Austin
5. Faribault
6. St. Cloud Cathedral
7. Marshall
8. Delano
9. ROCORI
10. Fridley
11. Hutchinson
12. Concordia Academy

Jazz

Class AAA

1. Maple Grove
2. Wayzata
3. Eastview
4. Hopkins
5. Spring Lake Park
6. Blaine
7. Egan
8. Briarnerd
9. St. Cloud Tech
10. Burnsville
11. Prior Lake
12. Forest Lake

Kick

Class AAA

1. Eastview
2. Briarnerd
3. Burnsville
4. Wayzata
5. St. Cloud Tech
6. Maple Grove
7. Apple Valley
8. Chanhassen
9. Blaine
10. Egan
11. Henry Sibley
12. Spring Lake Park

Dance Team Music Hall of Fame

As promised, here are your top three picks for the best dance team songs of all time!

Jazz

Dream On
She Talks to Angels
River Deep Mountain High

Honorable Mention

Say
My Strongest Suit
My Love is Your Love
Seasons of Love
Jar of Hearts
Walking in Memphis

Kick

It's Raining Men
Don't Stop Me Now
River Deep Mountain High

Honorable Mention

Dancing in Heaven
Don't Fight It
I Think I'm in Love
Thunderstruck
Bit by Bit
Eye of the Tiger

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2013-2015 Section Assignments

There have been a few shake-ups with the recent section reassignments from the MSHSL. Here's a condensed version of who's coming and going.

Section 1A

ADDED

None

REMOVED

Cannon Falls

Randolph

St. Paul Academy &

Summit School

Section 1AA

ADDED

Richfield

St. Paul Academy &

Summit School

Cannon Falls

Minneapolis Washburn

St. Paul Highland Park

REMOVED

Chaska

Faribault

Benilde-St. Margaret's

Section 1AAA

ADDED

Eagan

Faribault

REMOVED

Bloomington

Section 2A

ADDED

Concordia Academy

Randolph

REMOVED

Aitkin

Duluth Marshall

Wrenshall

Ely

Minneapolis Washburn

Richfield

Section 2AA

ADDED

Benilde-St. Margaret's

REMOVED

None

Section 2AAA

ADDED

Bloomington

Chaska

REMOVED

Rogers

Buffalo

Section 3A

ADDED

Montevideo

BBE

REMOVED

None

Section 3AA

ADDED

Rockford

Watertown

REMOVED

Montevideo

Section 3AAA

ADDED

None

REMOVED

Eagan

Section 4A

ADDED

Aitkin

Duluth Marshall

Wrenshall

Ely

Crookston

REMOVED

BBE

United Clay-Becker

Section 4AA

ADDED

United Clay-Becker

REMOVED

Crookston

Section 4AAA

ADDED

Buffalo

Rogers

REMOVED

None

In the Spotlight

Get to know JAM judge:

BECKY BLISSENBACH



Resides In: Sauk Rapids

Occupation/Company: Math Teacher at St. Cloud Tech High School

JAM Member Since: 2004

Q: Tell us a little about your dance background.

A: I grew up in Pierz, MN where there weren't any opportunities for dance until the Just For Kix program began when I was in sixth grade. At the time we didn't have a high school dance team. When I was a junior, a group of us found ourselves a coach and went to the school board to officially start a competitive dance team. Our first year was definitely a learning year, but we did advance to the state tournament the next year!

Q: Why did you decide to become a MSHSL official?

A: When I graduated from college I knew I still wanted to be a part of the dance team community and officiating is a great option.

Q: What are your interests and hobbies?

A: I like being with my family, going to gym classes, reading, golfing (although I'm not very good!), and dance team judging, of course!

Q: Tell us about a favorite dance that you performed or costume you wore. How old were you?

A: Senior year we were the "Wild Ice Ladies"--wearing leopard print and dancing to a mix of "Wild Thing", "Ice Ice Baby", and "Lady Marmalade."

Q: What is your ideal vacation spot?

A: I love Las Vegas! I can spend the day relaxing by the pool and then enjoy the shows, excitement, and energy at night.

Member News



BABIES

Breanna Blaskey welcomed a baby boy, Blake McArdle, on March 1.

Tricia Betley is expecting her first child on June 23.

Becky King is pregnant with her first child, due August 23.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Deb Clapp	March 2
Heather Lundgren	March 7
Marisa Quesnell	March 9
Misti Hines	March 9
Angela Gryskiewicz	March 17
Lindsay Kowalski	March 20
Keri Gheller	March 23
Jennifer Cassidy	March 24
Becky Blissenbach	March 30

New things in your life?

Email us to be included in the next membership newsletter!

2012-13 Scheduling Statistics

109 JAM Members
 88 Certified Members
 14 Qualifying Members
 7 Associate Members

123 Total Officiating Meets
 11 Monday
 17 Tuesday
 1 Wednesday
 23 Thursday
 10 Friday
 61 Saturday

1049 Total Officiating Positions
 670 Judge Positions
 163 Tabulator Positions
 219 Kick Counter/Timer Positions

6.41 Judging Positions/Certified Judge
 2.44 Add'l Officiating Positions/Certified Judge
 4.1 Judging Positions/2nd year Certified Judge
 2.21 Judging Positions/Qualifying Judge
 4.79 Add'l Officiating Positions/Qualifying Judge
 6.43 Add'l Officiating Positions/Associate Judge

57 Total # of trial judging dates
 8 Trial dates for Certified Officials
 49 Trial dates for Qualifying Officials
 0 Trial dates for Associate Judges

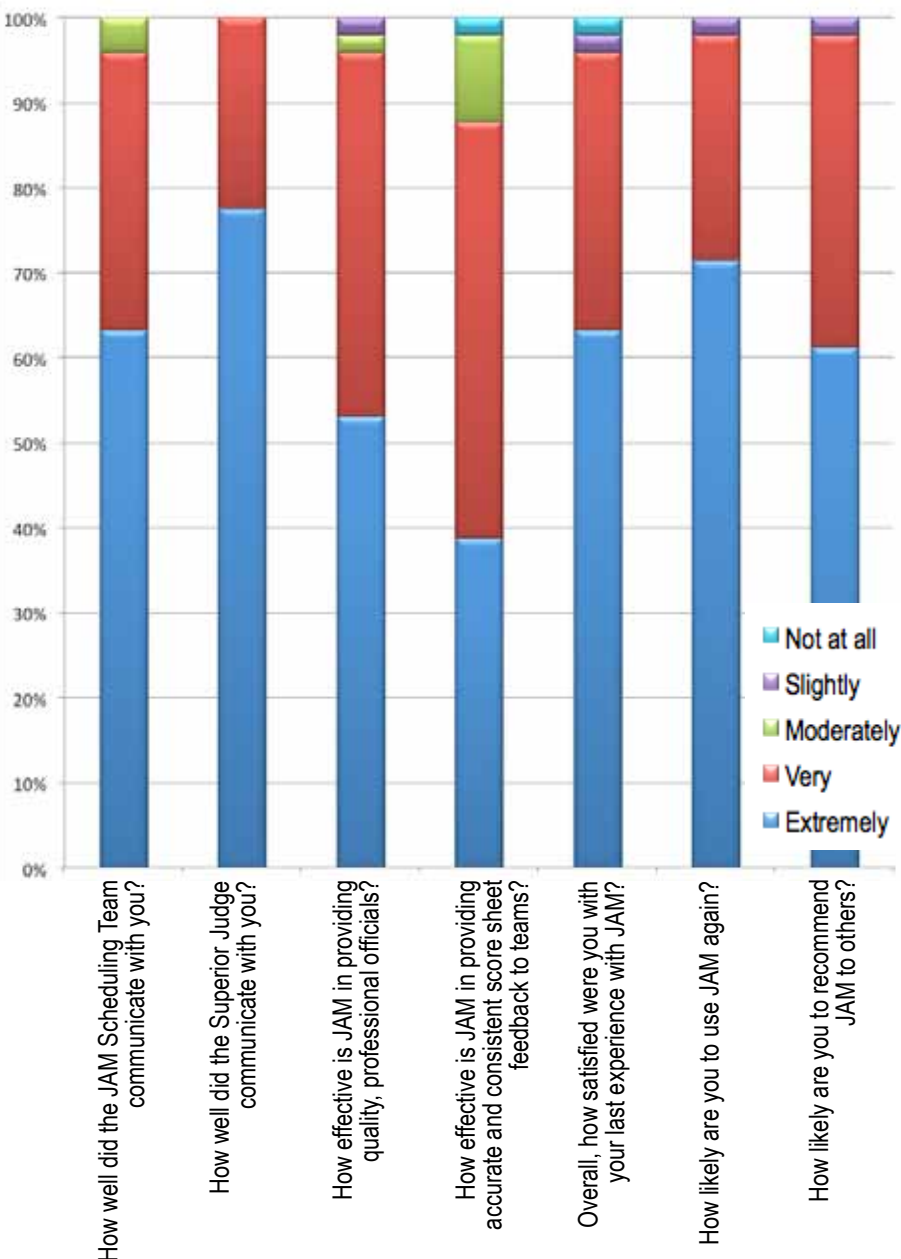
2013-14 JAM Core Group

Core Group members may serve a two-year or three-year term. Core Group members whose terms are expiring include **Amanda Ballensky, Becky King and Emily Puza**.

At the Spring Membership Meeting, members voted on new Core Group members. **Jennifer Cassidy** and **Lauren Jenkins** were elected to serve a two-year and three-year term respectively. They will join **Stacy Abel, Colleen Christensen, Sara Hordyk Portner, Katie Ohlund** and **Lauren Theobald** to make up the Core Group serving the organization for the 2013-14 season. The new CG will meet in April to assign roles and responsibilities.

If you have ideas, suggestions, questions or concerns that the Core Group can help address, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the current CG members or contact the group at jamdanceteams@yahoo.com.

2012-13 Post-Meet Survey Results



2013-2014 Meets Scheduled with JAM

as of 3/15/13

Date	Day	Site	Time	Type
11/18/13	Monday	Chisago Lakes	7:00 pm	Conference Meet (Mississippi 8)
11/21/13	Thursday	Wayzata	TBD	Conference Meet (Lake)
11/25/13	Monday	Monticello	7:00 pm	Conference Meet (Mississippi 8)
12/5/13	Thursday	Minnetonka	TBD	Conference Meet (Lake)
12/9/13	Monday	North Branch	7:00 pm	Conference Meet (Mississippi 8)
12/12/13	Thursday	Eden Prairie	TBD	Conference Meet (Lake)
12/16/13	Monday	Buffalo	7:00 pm	Conference Meet (Mississippi 8)
12/17/13	Tuesday	Fergus Falls	TBD	Quad Meet
12/19/13	Thursday	Mayer Lutheran	TBD	Conference Meet (Minnesota River)
12/19/13	Thursday	Edina	TBD	Conference Meet (Lake)
12/21/13	Saturday	Lake City	TBD	Invitational
1/9/14	Thursday	Hopkins	TBD	Conference Meet (Lake)
1/11/14	Saturday	St. Francis	1:00 pm	Conference Championship (Mississippi 8)
1/16/14	Thursday	Belle Plaine	TBD	Conference Meet (Minnesota River)
1/16/14	Thursday	Minnetonka	TBD	Conference Meet (Lake)

KUDOS KORNER

Congratulations to the JAM members selected to officiate at the 2013 State Dance Team Tournament!

Laura Berg Olsen - Supervisor of Officials
Lisa Hart - Assistant Supervisor of Officials

Katie Ohlund - Superior Judge
Melissa Erp - Superior Judge
Missy Tutewohl - Superior Judge

Judges

Stacy Abel • Becky Blissenbach • Colleen Christensen •
Deb Clapp • Keri Gheller • Laura Harding • Nicole Heide
• Allie Helgren • Sara Hordyk Portner • Becky King • Jill
Kortenhof • Jennifer Kummer • Lisa Lindemann • Melissa
Long • Terri Mason • Kim Meyer • Susan Patist • Emily
Puza • Franzi Schneider-Krumpus • Lauren Theobald •
Bridget Tully

Special shout out to those judging their first State Tournament

Melissa Feidt • Haley Haberle •
Marisa Quesnell • Laurie Schaust

Join JAM in 2013-14!

Know of a friend, co-worker, relative, enthusiastic dance team fan, former teammate, former dancer, former coach or fall coach who might be interesting in judging this season? Encourage them to join JAM!

Registration for the 2013-14 season will open in mid-summer with mandatory annual training taking place in early fall. We are always looking for new members who have a keen eye for detail, willingness to travel and most importantly, a passion for dance team. If interested, contact jamdanceteams@yahoo.com to get on the contact list for the upcoming season.

Want to hire JAM to officiate your 2013-14 meet?

Email our Scheduling Team at:
jamscheduler@yahoo.com

Colleen or Sara will respond to your request and answer any questions you may have. We strive to assign the best officials available for your meet. We also try to assign officials who live close to the meet site or those willing to carpool to reduce applicable mileage fees.

We can help you determine how many officials are needed for your meet, as well as assist with basic meet planning. If you're interested in full-out competition organization, we can get you connected to our partnered meet coordinators.

We look forward to serving you this season!